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In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Hideaki TSUSHIMA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 5388
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Application No.: 10/082,135	:	Group Art Unit: 2874
	:	Allowed: June 16, 2005
Filed: February 26, 2002	:	Examiner: S. U. Song
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For: OPTICAL SWITCHING EQUIPMENT, OPTICAL TRANSPORT NETWORK, AND METHODS OF USING THEM		

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated June 16, 2005.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that we have not received acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement and cited art filed May 21, 2002. The Examiner stated in the Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, that the references submitted by applicants "...have all been considered to the extent possible and made of record...". However, the PTO-1449 has not been initialed by the Examiner indicating consideration. Enclosed is a copy of the PTO-1449 that was attached to the Office Action.

Applicants hereby respectfully request that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicants;
- and
- (2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER'S INITIALS	PATENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
						Yes	No
	2001-339371	12/7/2001	Japan (w/ English Abstract)				

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to Applicant.